GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – A.P. Forest Department – Surprise check conducted over the Integrated Check Post, Purushottapuram of Itchapuram Mandal, Srikakulam District on 17.06.2013 on the allegations of corrupt practices by the staff – Certain irregularities noticed – Disciplinary proceedings initiated – Inquiry under Rule 20 of A.P. Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991 againstSri P. Srinivasa Rao, Assistant Beat Officer, Integrated Check Post, Purushottapuram, Itchapuram, Srikakulam District - Articles of Charges – Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (Sec.IV) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.65 **Dated:17.08.2023.**

Read the following:

From the Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau, AP., Vijayawada,
Lr.Rc.No.30/DES-VSK/2013, dated 15.10.2014.

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ORDER:

It is proposed to hold an inquiry against Sri P. Srinivasa Rao, Assistant Beat Officer, Integrated Check Post, Purushottapuram, Itchapuram, Srikakulam District in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of the A.P. Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or misbehaviour in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of article of charges (Annexure-II). A list of documents by which, and a list of witnesses by whom, the articles of charges are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexure-III and IV).

3. Sri P. Srinivasa Rao, Assistant Beat Officer, Integrated Check Post, Purushottapuram, Itchapuram, Srikakulam District, is informed that he is directed to submit a written statement of his defense within (10) days from the date of receipt of this order.

4. Sri P. Srinivasa Rao, Assistant Beat Officer, Integrated Check Post, Purushottapuram, Itchapuram, Srikakulam District, is informed that the inquiry will be held only in respect of those Articles of Charges as are not admitted. He should, therefore, specifically admit or deny each Article of Charge.

5. Sri P. Srinivasa Rao, Assistant Beat Officer, Integrated Check Post, Purushottapuram, Itchapuram, Srikakulam District,is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defense within the time specified in Para-3 above, further action will be taken based on the material available.

6. Attention of Sri P. Srinivasa Rao, Assistant Beat Officer, Integrated Check Post, Purushottapuram, Itchapuram, Srikakulam District, is invited to Rule 24 of the A.P. Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964, under which no Government Servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interest in respect of matters pertaining to his service under the Government.If any representation is received on his behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt within these proceedings it will be presumed that

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Sri P. Srinivasa Rao, Assistant Beat Officer, Integrated Check Post, Purushottapuram, Itchapuram, Srikakulam District is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against him for violation of Rule 24 of the A.P. Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

7. The receipt of this order may be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

NEERABH KUMAR PRASAD
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri P. Srinivasa Rao, Assistant Beat Officer, Integrated Check Post, Purushottapuram, Itchapuram, Srikakulam District (through Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, A.P., Mangalagiri)

Copy to:

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, A.P., Mangalagiri (He is requested to serve the order on the individual, obtain his dated acknowledgment on the duplicate copy and resubmit the same to Government for record)
SF/SC (Computer No.1004668)

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ANNEXURE – I

STATEMENT OF ARTICLES OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI P. SRINIVASA RAO, ASSISTANT BEAT OFFICER, INTEGRATED CHECK POST, PURUSHOTTAPURAM, ITCHAPURAM, SRIKAKULAM DISTRICT

That Sri P. Srinivasa Rao, S/o Krishna Murthy, Assistant Beat Officer (Thanadhar), Forest Department, Integrated Check post, Purushottapuram, Ichapuram Mandal, Srikakulam District(here-in-after referred as Government Servant) while function as such during the period between 09.11.2012 to 17.06.2013 (till the date of surprise check) committed grave misconduct in as much as:-

Article-1:-

On the night of 16/17.06.2013 from 02.30 AM to 8:00 AM, during the surprise check, the Government Servant is on duty at the forest department counter in the integrated check post, Purushottapuram, Itchapuram, indulged in corrupt practices and collected bribe amount ranging from Rs.50/- to 400/- as per routine practice as mamools from transport crew and an amount of Rs.3,980/- was collected for stamping their records.

Article-2:-

That the Government Servant while working as Thanadhar (Assistant Beat Officer) and looking after the forest department counter of Integrated Check Post at Purushottapuram, Ichapuram, Srikakulam District, institutionalized the practice of payment of illegal mamools by the crew of the transport vehicles passing through the check post who come to get stamping of their required documents and allowed the private persons at the integrated check post for collection of mamools.

Thus, Sri P. Srinivasa Rao, S/o Krishna Murthy, Assistant Beat Officer (Thanadhar), Forest Department, Integrated Check post, Purushottapuram, Ichapuram Mandal, Srikakulam District by his above mentioned acts exhibited lack of devotion to duty, failed to maintain integrity, behaved in a manner unbecoming of Government servant and brought down the prestige of the Government and there by violated the Rule 3(1) & (2) of A.P. Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964 r/w Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules as SO was retired from service on 31.05.2020.

NEERABH KUMAR PRASAD
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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SECTION OFFICER

ANNEXURE –II

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATIONS OF MISCONDUCT OR MISBEHAVIOUR IN SUPPORT OF THE ARTICLES OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI P. SRINIVASA RAO, ASSISTANT BEAT OFFICER, INTEGRATED CHECKPOST, PURUSHOTTAPURAM, ICHAPURAM MANDAL, SRIKAKULAM DISTRICT

Sri P. Srinivasa Rao, S/o Krishna Murthy, Assistant Beat Officer (Thanadhar), Forest Department is a native of Korada Village, Hiramandalam Mandal, Srikakulam District. His date of birth is 05.05.1960. He joined in Government Service on 01.06.1989 as Thanadhar in the Forest Department and worked at Palakonda Range. Later he was posted to integrated check Post, Purushottapuram, Itchapuram on 09.11.2012 on deputation from Palakonda Range Office and worked there till the date of surprise check. He is due to retire on attaining the age of superannuation on 31.05.2020. He is here-in-after called as Government Servant (G.S)

CHARGE-1:-

On the night of 16/17.06.2013 from 02.30 AM to 8 AM, during the surprise check, the Government Servant is on duty at the forest department counter in the integrated check post, Purushottapuram, Itchapuram, indulged in corrupt practices and collected bribe amount ranging from Rs 50/- to 400/- as per routine practice as mamools from transport crew and an amount of Rs 3,980/- was collected for stamping their records.

CHARGE-2:-

That the Government Servant while working as Thanadhar (Assistant Beat Officer) and looking after the forest department counter of Integrated Check Post at Purushottapuram, Ichapuram, Srikakulam District, institutionalized the practice of payment of illegal mamools by the crew of the transport vehicles passing through the check post who come to get stamping of their required documents and allowed the private persons at the integrated check post for collection of mamools.

FACTS IN EVIDENCE:

On receipt of credible information that the employees of the Commercial Tax Department, Transport Department, the Prohibition and Excise Department, Agriculture Market Committee and the Forest Department working at the Integrated Check Post at Purushottapuram, Ichapuram, Srikakulam District were indulging in corrupt practices and collecting mamools (illegal gratification) from the crew of the transport vehicles passing through the check post and as per the instructions of the Head Office, ACB, A.P., Hyderabad, a surprise check was organized under the close supervision of DSP,ACB, Vizianagaram Range over the integrated check post, Purushottapuram of Itchapuram Mandal on the intervening night of 16/17.06.2013 from 02.00 A.M to 09.30 A.M in the presence of mediators with the assistance of ACB Inspectors, Vizianagaram and Visakhapatnam Ranges and found certain irregularities.

The Deputy Superintendent of Police, ACB, Vizianagaram along with Inspectors of Vizianagaram Range & Visakhapatnam Range, ACB staff of the both ranges and mediators left Vizianagaram from the office of the DSP, ACB at 21:30 hrs on 16.06.2013 in hired RTC bus after depositing all their cell phones and personal cash in ACB office in Vizianagaram and reached Purushottapuram, Itchapuram at 01.45 AM on 17.06.2013.

On seeing the raid party, some persons moving in front of the building started running away from the place. On suspicion, the DSP surrounded them with the assistance of his staff members and entrusted them to Sri Sk. Ghouse Azad, Inspector to verify them.

Following personnel are found present in the Integrated Check Post.

COMMERCIAL TAX DEPARTMENT:

1. Sri K. Phalguna Rao, S/o Janakai Rama Raju, 52 years, ACTO counter. (Transit Pass)
2. Smt. B V K Padmaja Naidu, S/o Sudarshan Rao, 48 years, ACTO counter.(Transit Pass)
3. B. Upendra Rao, S/o Papa Rao, 38 years, Junior Inspector (Asst.) (Incoming & Outgoing)

TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT:

1. Sri Satyam Naidu, S/o Musali Naidu, 37 years, AMVI.

AGRICULTURAL MARKET COMMITTEE:

1. Sri V. Anand Rao, S/o late Jagannadham, 57 years, Supervisor at AMC Counter.
2. Sri K. Nookaraju, S/o Late Laxman Rao, 38 years, Security guard.
3. Sri T. Keshav Rao, S/o Dandasri, 45 years, Security guard.

FOREST DEPARTMENT:-

1. P. Srinivasa Rao, S/o Krishna Murthy, 39 years, Assistant Beat Officer.

Sri Ghouse Azad, Inspector who was instructed to verify the presence of persons, who were moving suspiciously in front of check post office building, verified them physically and following cash was found on their person which is as follows:

1	Sri Neyyala Prakash, S/o Arjuna, 44 years, Mandapalli Village, Ichapuram Mandal. Phone: 7894981691	3,400/-
2	Sri Appikonda Srinivasarao, S/o Sanjeevarao, 35 years, Reddi by caste, Purushottapuram, Cell No. 9394053266	3,670/-
3	Sri Dhanapani Dharmaraju, S/o late Balaji, 45 years, Pedda veedhi, Purushottapuram	4,910/-
4	Sri Kundala Srinu, S/o Narasimhulu, 22 years, Yadava by caste, Purushottapuram colony	3,000/-
5	Sri Neyyala Tirupathi, S/o late Bheemarao, 37 years, Neyyala by caste, Girisola Village	3,300/-
6	Sri KonthalaNukayya, S/o late Chandrayya, 40 years, REddi by caste, Purushottapuram Village	2,550/-
7	Sri ChatlaBagireddy, S/o Laxminarayana, 50 years, Reddi by caste, Purushottapuram Village	2,500/-
8	Sri Dhanapala Nukaraju, S/o late Narayana, 50 years, Reddi by caste, Purushottapuram Village	70,400/-
9	Sri Kotha Gopal, S/o Dharamraju, 18 yrs, Reddi by caste, Purushottapuram Village	2,500/-
10	Sri MithanaPaparao, S/o late Neelayya, 55 years, Reddi by caste, Purushottapuram Village	1,600/-
11	Sri AnapanaPurushottam, S/o late Mohanarao, 42 yrs, Reddi by caste, Purushottapuram Village	1,600/-
12	Sri DhanapanaChinnayya, S/o Sarithi, 32 yrs, Reddi by caste, Purushottapuram Village Cell No. 7205330678	2,400/-

13	Sri KakilaByri, S/o Parasayya, 38 yrs, Reddi by caste, Purushottapuram Village	1,400/-
14	Sri BayyapuSureshkumar, S/o Suryanarayana, 39 yrs, Telaga by caste, PN colony, 5th lane, Srikakulam town, cell No.9704810661	1,640/-
15	Sri Santosh Behara, S/o UllasaBehara, 26 yrs, Behara by caste, Purushottapuram Village, Cell No. 8280017565	1,400/-
16	Sri BendiRamu, S/o late Chinna, 45 yrs, Redddi by caste, Purushottapuram Village	1,400/-
17	Sri DatlaEswararao, S/o late Mohanarao, 30 yrs, Reddika by caste, Purushottapuram Village. cell No. 9701354269	1,600/-
	Total:	**1,09,270/-**

On examination, they have stated that they are working as un-authorized agents for the staff of integrated check post on the instructions of the staff of the check post, they are collecting Mamools from the transport crew passing through the check post @ Rs.700 to Rs.1,000/- per truck as Rs.400/- is to be paid at Incoming & Outgoing counter of CT, Rs.200/- is to be paid at Transit Permit counter of CT, Rs.200/- is to be paid at Transport Counter, Rs.50/- to Rs.100/- to Forest/Excise/Civil supplies depending upon the goods in the vehicles and handing over the illegal amount so collected, to the concerned department officials present at the counter and as usual today also they were present at the check post and collecting mamools from the transport crew to be given to the staff of Check Post and on seeing the arrival of some officials, they got suspicion and tried to run away. The money found on their person is the mamools collected from various truck drivers passing through this check post and generally they hand over the total money next day morning etc. facts.

When Dhanapala Nukaraju, S/o late Narayana, 50 years, Reddi by caste, Purushottapuram Village was questioned about the possession of huge amount of Rs.70,400/-, he stated and corroborated the facts stated above by other brokers/agents and further added that the amount found in his possession was mamool collections throughout the day collected from the various drivers who gave him the money as bribe and the said money was supposed to be given to all the staff of the integrated check post next day morning i.e., on 17.06.2013. On the day of surprise check, while he was still collecting the mamools from the drivers, he was caught by the ACB officials.

The mediators and the ACB Officials observed in between 02.30 AM to 08.00 Am on 17.06.2013, that in all the counters the crew of transport vehicles who came for stamping on their records presented the documents of their vehicles along with cash to be paid officially at the counter and bribe amount ranging from Rs.50/- to Rs.400/-, as per their routine practice as a mamool and all these amounts were kept aside and the documents were processed and returned to the concerned crew members and the so collected illegal money tallied in the last as noted below in their presence:

1	Transport Department counter	Rs.19,100/-
2	Incoming & outgoing counter CT dept	Rs.21,500/-
3	Transit permit counter	Rs.11,000/-
4	Agricultural Market Committee counter	Rs.3,000/-
5	**Forest Department counter**	Rs.3,980/-
6	The Unmanned counter of P & E was checked and unaccounted money was found.	Rs.5,000/-

		Total:	**Rs.63,580/-**

The DSP seized the above cash of Rs.63,580/- which is the illegal collection/bribes by the counter staff from the transport crew.

The separate statements of un-authorized agents/brokers were got recorded by the DSP in the presence of Mediators. The DSP seized the cash of Rs.1,09,270/- found in the possession of un-authorized agents in the presence of mediators.

The DSP secured some transport crew and recorded their statements in the presence of Mediators, whose names are as follows:

1) Sri Sabbi Appa Rao, S/o Late Singaraju, 51 years, R/o Kothavalsa Village, Vizianagaram. Cell no. 9966219575. Driver of Lorry AP 31 TW 9312.
2) Sri GantlaRamu, S/o Appalanaidu, 29 years, R/o 1-148, Gandigundem, Anandapuram Mandal, Vishakhapatnam District, 8185879454, Lorry driver of AP 31 TB 9199.
3) Sri Yethiramrajyam Dharma Rao, S/o Late Appalaswamy, 35 years, R/o Naupada Village, Vajrapukoturu Mandal, Srikakulam, 9912815150, AP 31 TA 4466.
4) Sri GentaSimhadri, S/o china Rao, 43 years, R/o Gandigram, Anandapuram, Vishakhapatnam, cell no. 9951342991, AP 31 TA 6678.
5) Sri Pyla Ramakrishna, S/o Manikyam, 28 years, R/o Jogampeta Village, Golugonda Mandal, Vishakhapatnam District, 8978879679, AP 31 TW 7619.
6) Sri Gorli Appa Rao Naidu, S/o Chandraiah, Age: 32yrs, N/o Dosuru Village, Atchuthapuram Mandal, Visakhapatnam R/o 32-24, Sramik Nagar, Gajuwaka Old, Visakhapatanam. (Driver of Lorry No. AP35V 0099) Contact No. 9959385467.
7) Sri Velaga Jagan Mohan Reddy, S/o Late Subbaiah, age: 48 yrs, Door No. 9-3-61, Balaji Rao Peta, Tenali, Guntur District. (Driver of Lorry No. AP 29 TV 6253) Contact No. 9391454919
8) Sri Gnapathi Vijaya Kumar, S/o Late Ganapathi, age: 44yrs, R/o Sunmtikal, P. Saliviti Post, Steebillputtu, Birudhanagar District, Tamil Nadu State. (Driver of Lorry No. TN 28 AP 0651) Contact No. 8608442519
9) Sri KarraThatha Rao, S/o Satyanarayana, age: 24yrs, R/o PalliCheruvu Metta, Kadiyam, East Godavari District. (Driver of Lorry No. AP 05 W 9979) Contact No. 9494908457.
10) Sri KaliaperumalChinni Swamy, S/o Kaliaperumal, age: 34 yrs, R/o Kalagani Post, Namanakkal Post, Tamilnadu State. (Driver of Lorry No. KA 05 AE 7273) Contact No. 8088038172.
11) Sri Majja Ramesh, S/o Rajeswara Rao, Age 38 years, R/o Lakkavarapukota, Vizianagaram District. Phone No. 9492088809. (Driver of Lorry No. AP 31 X 4449)
12) Sri Edupulapati Sunil Kumar, S/o Adamu, age 26 years, Bhavanipuram, Vijayawada. Phone: 9160382012. (Cleaner of Lorry No. AP 16 TX 4457)

On examination they have stated that they are working as drivers of transport vehicles and their vehicles pass through integrated check post, Purushottapuram frequently. The officials at the check post used to demand from them Mamools ranging from Rs.700/- to Rs.1,000/- depending on the load in their trucks through brokers/agents to get their papers stamped at the counters and it became routine practice at the check post to collect mamools from each and every transport vehicle passing through the check post. On the day of surprise check also as usual they have paid the Mamools at the counters of the check post.

The DSP, ACB, recorded the detailed statements of transport crew and got them attested by the mediators and himself.

During the surprise check, the DSP, ACB seized the attendance register, duty charts, duty register and Photostat copy of the personal cash register.

The surprise check proceedings having commenced at 2 AM on 17.06.2013 were concluded at 09.30 AM on 17.06.2013.

During the course of investigation, the investigating officers examined the following witnesses:

Witness No.1. Sri Maddila Srinivasa Rao, S/o Late Appa Rao, Age 44 Yrs, (Gazetted) Head Master, ZP High School, Goljam (v) R/o Near Ayyappa Temple, Vizianagaram.

Witness No.2. Sri Manku Surya Narayana Murthy, S/o Late Lakshmu, Age 32 Yrs, SerniorAsst, O/o D.E.O Office, Vizianagaram, R/o K.L.Puram, Revenue Colony, Vizianagaram

Witness No.3. Sri PuttepuMadhusudhana Rao, S/o Kondeppa, Age 52 yrs, (Gazetted) Head Master, Z.P.School, Gunupurpeta, R/o Plot No.25, ShiridiSainagar, Vizianagaram.

Witness No.4. Sri Gurupindi Venkata Nagasai Ramakrishna, S/o Pydaiah, 42 yrs, Jr.Asst, O/o DEO, Vizianagaram, R/o K.L.Puram, Vizianagaram.

Witness No.5. Sri KurminelliMurali Babu, S/o Bangaru Naidu, Age 32 Yrs (Gazetted) Asst. Executive Engineer, Cheepurupalli, R/o D.No.10-25 C, Teachers Colony, Garividi(M).

Witness No.6. Sri Oduru Jaya Babu, S/o Late Kannayya, Age 27 yrs, Jr.Asst, O/o E.E. Office R&B, Vizianagaram, R/o Bhagyasai Apartments, Arundhati nagar, Vizianagaram.

Witness No.7. Sri DolaKamalakara Rao, S/o late Veerayya, (Gazetted) 39 yrs, Asst. Executive Engineer, R & B Sub-Division, Vizianagaram section, Tamarapalli R/o Balaji Nagar, Trisul Ramana public school, Veerabhadra residency, Vizianagaram.

Witness No.8. Sri Godi Victor Alexander, S/o late Jesudass, 47 years, Sr. Asst., R & B Sub-division, Cantonment, Opp. DPO., Vijayanagaram.

They speak about that they are the official mediators at the time of surprise check conducted on 17.06.2013 from 2 AM to 09:30 AM at Integrated Check Post, Purushottapuram, Itchapuram and they speak about the contents of the surprise check proceedings etc. facts.

Witness No.9. Sri Neyyala Prakash, S/o Arjuna, 44 years, Mandapalli Village, Ichapuram Mandal, Phone: 7894981691.

Witness No.10. Sri Appikonda Srinivasa Rao, S/o Sanjeeva Rao, 35 years, Reddi by caste, Purushottapuram, Cell No.9394053266

Witness No.11. Sri Dhanapani Dharmaraju, S/o late Balaji, 45 years, Pedda veedhi, Purushottapuram

Witness No.12. Sri Kundala Srinu, S/o Narasimhulu, 22 years, Yadava by caste, Purushottapuram colony, Ichapuram Mandal, Srikakulam Dist.

Witness No.13. Sri Neyyala Tirupathi, S/o late Bheemarao, 37 years, Neyyala by caste, Girisola

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Witness No.19. Sri AnapanaPurushottam, S/o late Mohanarao, 42 yrs, Reddi by caste, Purushottapuram Village.

Witness No.20. Sri DhanapanaChinnayya, S/o Sarithi, 32 yrs, Reddi by caste, Purushottapuram Village, Cell No.7205330678.

Witness No.21. Sri KakilaByri, S/o Parasayya, 38 yrs, Reddi by caste, Purushottapuram Village.

Witness No.22. Sri BayyapuSureshkumar, S/o Suryanarayana, 39 yrs, Telaga by caste, PN colony, 5th lane, Srikakulam Town, cell No.9704810661.

Witness No.23. Sri Santosh Behara, S/o UllasaBehara, 26 yrs, Behara by caste, Purushottapuram Village, Cell No. 8280017565.

Witness No.24. Sri BendiRamu, S/o late Chinna, 45 yrs, Redddi by caste, Purushottapuram Village

Witness No.25. Sri DatlaEswararao, S/o late Mohanarao, 30 yrs, Reddika by caste, Purushottapuram Village. cell No.9701354269

They speak about the fact that they were engaged by the staff of Integrated Check Post, Purushottapuram, Ichapuram Mandal, Srikakulam District for collection of mamools from the crew of transport vehicles passed through the check post for stamping on their documents without verifying the goods and the documents etc. facts.

Witness No.26. Sri Sabbi Appa Rao, S/o Late Singaraju, 51 years, R/o Kothavalsa Village, Vizianagaram, Cell no.9966219575. Driver of Lorry AP 31 TW 9312.

Witness No.27. Sri GantlaRamu, S/o Appalanaidu, 29 years, R/o 1-148, Gandigundem, Anandapuram Mandal, Vishakhapatnam District, 8185879454, Lorry driver of AP 31 TB 9199.

Witness No.28. Sri Yethiramrajyam Dharma Rao, S/o Late Appalaswamy, 35 years, r/o Naupada Village, Vajrapukoturu Mandal, Srikakulam, 9912815150, AP 31 TA 4466.

Witness No.29. Sri GentaSimhadri, S/o china Rao, 43 years, R/o Gandigram, Anandapuram, Vishakhapatnam, cell no. 9951342991, AP 31 TA 6678.

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Witness No.31. Sri Gorli Appa Rao Naidu, S/o Chandraiah, age: 32yrs, N/o Dosuru Village, Atchuthapuram Mandal, Visakhapatnam R/o 32-24, Sramik Nagar, Gajuwaka Old, Visakhapatanam. (Driver of Lorry No. AP35V 0099) Contact No. 9959385467

Witness No.32. Sri Velaga Jagan Mohan Reddy, S/o Late Subbaiah, age: 48 yrs, Door No. 9-3-61, Balaji Rao Peta, Tenali, Guntur District. (Driver of Lorry No. AP 29 TV 6253) Contact No. 9391454919

Witness No.33. Sri Gnapathi Vijaya Kumar, S/o Late Ganapathi, age: 44yrs, R/o Sunmtikal, P. Saliviti Post, Steebillputtu, Birudhanagar District, Tamil Nadu State. (Driver of Lorry No. TN 28 AP 0651) Contact No. 8608442519

Witness No.34. Sri KarraThatha Rao, S/o Satyanarayana, age: 24yrs, R/o PalliCheruvu Metta, Kadiyam, East Godavari District. (Driver of Lorry No. AP 05 W 9979) Contact No. 9494908457.

Witness No.35. Sri KaliaperumalChinni Swamy, S/o Kaliaperumal, age: 34 yrs, R/o Kalagani Post, Namanakkal Post, Tamilnadu State. (Driver of Lorry No. KA 05 AE 7273) Contact No. 8088038172.

Witness No.36. Sri Majja Ramesh, S/o Rajeswara Rao, Age 38 years, R/o Lakkavarapukota, Vizianagaram District. Phone No. 9492088809. (Driver of Lorry No. AP 31 X 4449)

Witness No.37. Sri Edupulapati Sunil Kumar, S/o Adamu, age 26 years, Bhavanipuram, Vijayawada. Phone: 9160382012. (Cleaner of Lorry No. AP 16 TX 4457)

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The Government Servant, who was present at the forest department counter of the check post, engaged private persons to collect mamools and also collected mamools at his counter and also institutionalized the practice of paying illegal mamools by the transport vehicles passing through the check post.

During the investigation,the Administrative officer, Integrated Check Post, Purushottapuram, Ichapuram Mandal furnished information through his letter RC.No.11/2013 HC, dated 06.08.2013 regarding the service particulars of the government servant and other issues.

Hence, the charges against the Government Servant collecting bribe amounts by engaging private persons un-authorizedly from the vehicle drivers and cleaners who are passing the check post is held substantiated.

The Government Servant, who was on duty at the check post for the intervening night of 16/17.06.2013 indulged in collecting bribe from derivers and engaged private persons to collect bribe from the transport drivers and allowed other officials to collect illegal gratification varying from Rs.50/- to Rs.400/- as perroutine practice as mamools from transport crew and an amount of Rs.3,980/- was collected for stamping from the drivers of transport vehicles, passing through the integrated check post. Further during the surprise check 17 unauthorised persons were caught at the check post and found an amount of Rs.1,09,290/- and it was seized in the presence of mediators.

Thus, the Government Servant, Sri P. Srinivasa Rao, S/o Krishna Murthy, Assistant Beat Officer (Thanadhar), Forest Department, Integrated Check Post, Purushottapuram, Ichapuram Mandal, Srikakulam District by his above mentioned acts exhibited lack of integrity, devotion to duty, and conduct unbecoming of a Government servant and brought down the prestige of the Government and thereby violated the Rule 3(1) & (2) of A.P. Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964 r/w Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

Thus, the Government Servant,Sri P. Srinivasa Rao, S/o Krishna Murthy, Assistant Beat Officer (Thanadhar), Forest Department, Integrated Check Post, Purushottapuram, Ichapuram Mandal, Srikakulam District has rendered himself liable for departmental action.

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ANNEXURE-III

LIST OF DOCUMENTS BY WHICH THE ARTICLES OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI P. SRINIVASA RAO, ASSISTANT BEAT OFFICER, INTEGRATED CHECKPOST, PURUSHOTTAPURAM, ICHAPURAM MANDAL, SRIKAKULAM DISTRICT ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED.

The following documentary evidence is available on record:

1) Copy of Surprise Check Proceedings, dated 17.06.2013 at 2 AM to 9:30 AM drafted at Integrated Check Post, Purushottapuram, Ichapuram of Srikakulam District containing pages 1 to 7.

It reveals the happenings of surprise check conducted at the integrated check post, Purushottapuram.

2) Copy of Attendance registers for the month of June, 2013.

It reveals that the govt. servant has attended the duty on the day of Surprise check.

3) Copy of Duty Charts of the integrated check post officials relating to the Civil Supplies, Commercial Tax, Prohibition & Excise, Transport, Marketing Security Guards and Class-IV employees, Agriculture Market Committee departments for the month of June,2013 of the Integrated Check Post, Purushottapuram , Ichapuram Mandal, Srikakulam District.

It reveals that the govt. servant has attended the duty on the day of Surprise check.

4) Copy of Reply from the Administrative Officer, Integrated Check Post, Purushottapuram, Ichapuram Mandal vide RC.No.11/2013 HC, dated 06.08.2013 pertaining service particulars of the Govt. Servant.

It shows that the procedural aspects and service particulars and job chart of the government servant.

5) Statements of witnesses vide Sl. No.9 to 37 as mentioned in the oral evidence.

6) Any other document needed, will be submitted at the time of enquiry.

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ANNEXURE-IV

LIST OF WITNESSES BY WHOM THE ARTICLES OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI P. SRINIVASA RAO, ASSISTANT BEAT OFFICER, INTEGRATED CHECKPOST, PURUSHOTTAPURAM, ICHAPURAM MANDAL, SRIKAKULAM DISTRICT ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED.

The following oral evidence is available on record.

1. Sri Maddila Srinivasa Rao, S/o Late Appa Rao, Age 44 Yrs, (Gazetted) Head Master, ZP High School, Goljam (v), R/o Near Ayyappa Temple, Vizianagaram.

2. Sri Manku Surya Narayana Murthy, S/o Late Lakshmu, Age 32 Yrs, Senior Asst., O/o D.E.O Office, Vizianagaram. R/o K.L.Puram, Revenue Colony, Vizianagaram.

3. Sri PuttepuMadhusudhana Rao, S/o Kondeppa, Age 52 yrs. (Gazetted) Head Master, Z.P.School, Gunupurpeta, R/o Plot No.25, ShiridiSainagar, Vizianagaram.

4. Sri Gurupindi Venkata Nagasai Ramakrishna, S/o Pydaiah, 42 yrs, Jr.Asst. O/o DEO, Vizianagaram, R/o K.L.Puram, Vizianagaram.

5. Sri Kurminelli. Murali Babu, S/o Bangaru Naidu, Age 32 Yrs (Gazetted) Asst. Executive Engineer, Cheepurupalli. R/o Do.No.10-25 C, Teachers Colony, Garividi(M)

6. Sri Oduru Jaya Babu, S/o Late Kannayya, Age 27 yrs, Jr.Asst O/o E.E.Office R& B, Vizianagaram. R/o Bhagyasai Apartments, Arundhati nagar, Vizianagaram.

7. Sri DolaKamalakara Rao, S/o late Veerayya, (Gazetted) 39 yrs, Asst.executive Engineer, R & B Sub-Division, Vizianagaram section, Tamarapalli R/o Balaji Nagar, Trisul Ramana public school, Veerabhadra residency, Vizianagaram

8. Sri Godi Victor Alexander, S/o late Jesudass, 47 years, Sr. Asst. R & B Sub-division, Cantonment, Opp. DPO., Vijayanagaram

They speak about that they are the official mediators at the time of surprise check conducted on 17.06.2013 from 2 AM to 09:30 AM at Integrated Check Post, Purushottapuram, Itchapuram and they speak about the contents of the surprise check proceedings etc. facts.

9. Sri Neyyala Prakash, S/o Arjuna, 44 years, Mandapalli Village, Ichapuram Mandal. Phone; 7894981691.

10. Sri Appikonda Srinivasa Rao, S/o Sanjeevarao, 35 years, Reddi by caste, Purushottapuram, Cell No. 9394053266

11. Sri Dhanapani Dharmaraju, S/o late Balaji, 45 years, Pedda veedhi, Purushottapuram.

12. Sri Kundala Srinu, S/o Narasimhulu, 22 years, Yadava by caste, Purushottapuram colony, Ichapuram Mandal, Srikakulam Dist.

13. Sri Neyyala Tirupathi, S/o late Bheemarao, 37 years, Neyyala by caste, Girisola.

14. Sri KonthalaNukayya, S/o late Chandrayya, 40 years, REddi by caste, Purushottapuram Village.

15. Sri ChatlaBagireddy, S/o Laxminarayana, 50 years, Reddi by caste, Purushottapuram Village.

16. Sri Dhanapala Nukaraju, S/o late Narayana, 50 years, Reddi by caste, Purushottapuram Village.

17. Sri Kotha Gopal, S/o Dharamraju, 18 yrs, Reddi by caste, Purushottapuram Village.

18. Sri MithanaPaparao, S/o late Neelayya, 55 years, Reddi by caste, Purushottapuram.

19. Sri AnapanaPurushottam, S/o late Mohanarao, 42 yrs, Reddi by caste, Purushottapuram Village.

20. Sri DhanapanaChinnayya, S/o Sarithi, 32 yrs, Reddi by caste, Purushottapuram Village Cell No. 7205330678.

21. Sri KakilaByri s/o Parasayya, 38 yrs, Reddi by caste, Purushottapuram village.

22. Sri BayyapuSureshkumar, S/o Suryanarayana, 39 yrs, Telaga by caste, PN colony, 5th lane, Srikakulam town, cell No.9704810661.

23. Santosh Behara, S/o UllasaBehara, 26 yrs, Behara by caste, Purushottapuram Village, Cell No. 8280017565.

24. Sri BendiRamu, S/o late Chinna, 45 yrs, Redddi by caste, Purushottapuram Village

25. Sri DatlaEswararao, S/o late Mohanarao, 30 yrs, Reddika by caste, Purushottapuram Village. cell No. 9701354269

They speak about the fact that they were engaged by the staff of Integrated Check Post, Purushottapuram, Ichapuram Mandal, Srikakulam District for collection of mamools from the crew of transport vehicles passed through the check post for stamping on their documents without verifying the goods and the documents etc. facts.

26. Sri Sabbi Appa Rao, S/o Late Singaraju, 51 years, R/o Kothavalsa village, Vizianagaram. Cell no. 9966219575. Driver of Lorry AP 31 TW 9312.

27. Sri GantlaRamu, s/o Appalanaidu, 29 years, R/o 1-148, Gandigundem, Anandapuram Mandal, Vishakhapatnam District, 8185879454, Lorry driver of AP 31 TB 9199.

28. Sri Yethiramrajyam Dharma Rao, S/o Late Appalaswamy, 35 years, r/o Naupada Village, Vajrapukoturu Mandal, Srikakulam, 9912815150, AP 31 TA 4466.

29. Sri GentaSimhadri, S/o china Rao, 43 years, R/o Gandigram, Anandapuram, Vishakhapatnam, cell no. 9951342991, AP 31 TA 6678.

30. Sri Pyla Ramakrishna, S/o Manikyam, 28 years, R/o Jogampeta Village, Golugonda Mandal, Vishakhapatnam District, 8978879679, AP 31 TW 7619.

31. Sri Gorli Appa Rao Naidu, S/o Chandraiah, age: 32yrs, N/o Dosuru Village, Atchuthapuram Mandal, Visakhapatnam R/o 32-24, Sramik Nagar, Gajuwaka Old, Visakhapatanam. (Driver of Lorry No. AP35V 0099) Contact No. 9959385467.

32. Sri Velaga Jagan Mohan Reddy, S/o Late Subbaiah, age: 48 yrs, Door No. 9-3-61, Balaji Rao Peta, Tenali, Guntur District. (Driver of Lorry No. AP 29 TV 6253) Contact No. 9391454919.

33. Sri Gnapathi Vijaya Kumar, S/o Late Ganapathi, age: 44yrs, R/o Sunmtikal, P. Saliviti Post, Steebillputtu, Birudhanagar District, Tamil Nadu State. (Driver of Lorry No. TN 28 AP 0651) Contact No. 8608442519.

34. Sri KarraThatha Rao, S/o Satyanarayana, age: 24yrs, R/o PalliCheruvu Metta, Kadiyam, East Godavari District. (Driver of Lorry No. AP 05 W 9979) Contact No. 9494908457.

35. Sri KaliaperumalChinni Swamy, S/o Kaliaperumal, age: 34 yrs, R/o Kalagani Post, Namanakkal Post, Tamilnadu State. (Driver of Lorry No. KA 05 AE 7273) Contact No. 8088038172.

36. Sri Majja Ramesh, S/o Rajeswara Rao, Age 38 years, R/o Lakkavarapukota, Vizianagaram District. Phone No. 9492088809. (Driver of Lorry No. AP 31 X 4449).

37. Sri Edupulapati Sunil Kumar, S/o Adamu, Age 26 years, Bhavanipuram, Vijayawada. Phone: 9160382012. (Cleaner of Lorry No. AP 16 TX 4457).

They speak about that they are working as drivers of transport vehicles and their vehicles pass through integrated check post, Purushottapuram frequently. The officials at the check post used to demand from them Mamools ranging from Rs.700/- to Rs.1,000/- depending on the load in their trucks through brokers/agents to get their papers stamped at the counters and it became routine practice at the check post to collect mamools from each and every transport vehicle passing through the check post. On the day of surprise check also as usual they have paid the Mamools at the counters of the check post.

38. Sri S.Raghava Rao, Inspector of Police, ACB, Visakhapatnam Range.

He speak about the facts of his assisting to DSP, ACB, Vizianagaram Range in the surprise check which was conducted on 16/17.06.2013 against Integrated Check Post, Purushottapuram, Itchapuram and his observation in disguise during the surprise check at forest department counter and collection of mamools of Rs.3,980/- from the counter from the transport drivers and etc facts.

39. Sri Shaik Ghouse Azad, Inspector of Police, ACB, Srikakulam District, Vizianagaram Range.

He speak about the facts of his assisting to DSP, ACB, Vizianagaram Range in the surprise check which was conducted on 16/17.06.2013 against Integrated Check Post, Purushottapuram, Itchapuram and his observation in disguise during the surprise check he verify the brokers and found Rs.1,09,270/- from the 17 brokers and etc facts.

40. Sri K.Raghuvir, Deputy Supdt. of Police, ACB, Vizianagaram Range.

He speak about the facts of his supervision of surprise check conducted against the Integrated Check Post, Purushottapuram, Itchapuram on 16/17-06-2013 from 2:00 AM to 9.30 AM and about the collection of mamools by the officials of check post from the transport drivers, seizure of amount from the brokers and from the officials of check post, relevant documents and registers

41. Any further witness is required, he/she will be produced at the time of enquiry.

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